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Claims 9-23 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006, Claims 9-16 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,810,323 to Bullock et al. Claims 17-18 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bullock et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims. In this connection, prior to discussing why all of the pending claims are not anticipated or suggested by Bullock et al. and thus are allowable, a brief description of an embodiment of the claimed invention is set forth below. It should be understood that the following is provided merely to assist in the Examiner's understanding of the present invention, and is not intended to limit the scope of the claims.

According to one aspect, the invention provides a method for preparing images of objects taken at geographic locations for publication in an online directory. For example, referring to FIGURE 1 of the present application, the method can be used to prepare images of various buildings taken at various geographic locations for publication in an online directory 40 (e.g., "ONLINE YELLOW PAGES"). In the online directory 40, each listing 72 (of a business, for

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